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July 15, 2002

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510-1702

Dear Senator McConnell:

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2002, on behalf of Boyd County Judge/Executive Bill Scott concerning the draft construction and title V operating permit for AK Steel Ashland Works. Judge Scott expressed a concern that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provide comments on the permit to Kentucky Division for Air Quality (KDAQ) early in the process so that any issues could be resolved prior to the August date which is critical for the emissions "netting" calculation.

As you requested, I am pleased to provide you with an update on the status of EPA Region 4's review of the project. EPA Region 4 conducted a comprehensive review of the proposed title V operating permit and provided comments along with suggested resolutions to KDAQ by e-mail on July 9, 2002, and followed up with a conference call on the same day with KDAQ staff to walk through each of the comments. We are confident that each of the issues raised can be adequately addressed prior to the August deadline.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me or the EPA Region 4 Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "J. I. Palmer, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

J. I. Palmer, Jr.  
Regional Administrator

MITCH McCONNELL  
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June 7, 2002

The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Whitman:

I write on behalf of Bill Scott, the County Judge/Executive for Boyd County, Kentucky, who has expressed concern over an important air permit situation that is related to an economic development opportunity in his county. I have enclosed for your review a copy of a recent letter I received from Judge Scott that outlines his concerns.

It would be most helpful if you could provide an update of the status of the Environmental Protection Agency's review of this matter, which I understand is being performed by the Region Four office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Marshall of my staff at (202) 224-8292.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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May 29, 2002

Senator Mitch McConnell  
361-A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell:

I need to bring a matter of concern to your attention. As you know, our community lost a major employer several years ago. However, with your support, we have continued to make economic development a priority. Not only have we been successful in attracting new employment, but we have also been able to maintain the strong economic base that AK Steel provides. I am very proud of the 1,300 men and women of the AK Steel Ashland Works, who continue to produce the highest quality products in a troubled steel economy. Among their many accomplishments is the recent designation of the Ashland Works as the first integrated steel plant in the United States to receive ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certification. This recognition was well-deserved and is just one more illustration of AK Steel's commitment to our community.

In December of 1996, AK Steel applied for a Title V air permit for the West Works. Due to the volume of applications received by the Kentucky Division for Air Quality, the Division has only recently completed its review and issued a draft permit. It is my understanding that the Division either has or soon will send the application to U.S. EPA Region 4 for review in order for the permit to be issued by August 1. It is important that the Title V permit be issued by August 1, since the proposed permit is based upon emission reduction credits which may not be available after August 1.

Though I understand that Region 4 must have many applications to review, I hope that Region 4 will provide any questions and comments at an early date in order that the Division will have an opportunity to conclude its discussions with Region 4 well before the August 1 deadline. In view of the importance of the permit to our community, I would be most appreciative if you could inquire as to the status of U.S. EPA's review.

As always, I very much appreciate your continuing interest in our community.

Sincerely,


Bill F. Scott  
County Judge Executive

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